

CLASS TITLE: REGISTERED OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Class Code: 02802300

Pay Grade: 24A

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CLASS DEFINITION:

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES: To provide occupational therapy, evaluations and treatment to physically, mentally or otherwise developmentally disabled patients or clients, through written referral from the medical staff or other source; and to do related work as required.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED: Work assignments are determined by a superior and work is subject to review during process for conformance to therapeutic standards.

SUPERVISION EXERCISED: As required, may supervise personnel assigned to assist; may direct patients in therapeutic activity and occupational therapy students and volunteers.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED:

To provide occupational therapy, evaluation and treatment to physically, mentally or otherwise developmentally disabled patients or clients, through written referral from medical staff or other source.

To develop individual patient/client evaluation and treatment programs designed to measure and correct disability.

To provide individual instruction to patients/clients in goal-oriented therapeutic activities of daily living.

To provide, as necessary, prevocational, perceptual and physical motor evaluations to assess patients'/clients' ability to perform occupational therapy activities.

To provide instruction in a variety of therapeutic activities such as arts and crafts, games, woodwork and metal work to decrease disability.

To establish therapeutic groups of patients with predetermined treatment goals.

To develop task or work-oriented groups to increase socialization skills in-patients and clients.

To encourage basic principles of work simplification and energy conservation with physically disabled patients.

To design and apply, as required, splints or other adaptive devices which will improve individual patient/client function.

To plan independent and group activities for each patient/client in relation to individual needs and interests.

To evaluate occupational therapy modalities which would most appropriately resolve disability.

To maintain appropriate patient records and treatment plans for each patient/client participating in the occupational therapy program.

To direct therapeutic activity programs for selected ward patients.

To report patient reactions or significant changes in patient's condition to superior.

To instruct other health team personnel in the aspects of occupational therapy.

To provide in-service education and review work activity therapy staff, as required.

To encourage psychological adjustment to disability through application of occupational therapy media.

To observe safety precautions and keep occupational therapy area in good order.

To confer with treatment team and patients/clients to readjust treatment goals.

To design opportunities for patients/clients which meet their conscious and unconscious needs.

To arrange groups and social settings in which patients/clients become aware of maladaptive behavior patterns.

To develop inter-personal social skills among patients/clients.

To do related work as required.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT:

KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND CAPACITIES: A thorough knowledge of the principles, practices, methods and techniques of occupational therapy; the ability to instruct, stimulate and maintain the interest of physically, mentally or developmentally disabled patients/clients through therapeutic application of occupational therapy activities; the capacity for understanding problems and reactions of the disabled and the ability to communicate with tact and diplomacy; the ability to direct subordinates in the application of therapeutic techniques; and related capacities and abilities.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

EDUCATION: Such as may have been gained through: graduation from a program approved by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association in collaboration with the American Occupational Therapy Certificate Board (AOTCB).

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Must be eligible for or have successfully written the registration examination given by the American Occupational Therapy Association and must maintain such registration as a condition of employment.

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